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ABSTRACT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S RETURN

OF THE

MARRIAGES IN ENGLAND AND WALES DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER
(OCTOBER—DECEMBER) OF 1858, AND OF THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS
DURING THE FIRST QUARTER (JANUARY—MARCH), OF 1859.

THIS Return comprises the BIRTHS and DEATHS registered by 2,197 Registrars in all the districts of England during the Winter Quarter that ended on March 31st, 1859; and the MARRIAGES in 12,350 churches or chapels, about 4,072 registered places of worship unconnected with the Established Church, and 630 Superintendent Registrars' offices, in the quarter that ended on December 31st, 1858.

The returns present an unfavourable view of the Public Health; the people have suffered and have died in unusual numbers in many districts. Diphtheria has prevailed extensively. The Marriages indicated some improvement in the prospects of the people at the end of last year; and in the first three months of the present year, the births have not only exceeded the average, but have exceeded the numbers registered in any previous winter quarter.

MARRIAGES.—47,726 Weddings were celebrated in the three months that ended on the 31st December, and consequently 95,452 persons were married. The marriage rate in the quarter was 1.932 per cent. per annum; so if the rate prevailed a year, more than 19 persons would marry to every 1,000 living. The increase on the marriages in the corresponding quarter of 1857 is observable in every division except in the northern counties and in Wales.

ENGLAND :—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, and DEATHS, returned in the Years
1853-59, and in the QUARTERS of those Years.

Calendar YEARS, 1853-59 :—Numbers.

Years	'59.	'58.	'57.	'56.	'55.	'54.	'53.
Marriages No.	156,297	159,097	159,337	152,113	159,727	164,520
Births, ,	655,627	663,071	657,453	635,043	634,405	612,391
Deaths..... ,	450,018	419,815	390,506	425,703	437,905	421,097

QUARTERS of each Calendar Year 1853-59.

(I.) MARRIAGES :—Numbers.

Qrs. ended last day of	'59.	'58.	'57.	'56.	'55.	'54.	'53.
March .....No.	30,034	33,321	33,427	29,186	33,234	35,149
June, ,	39,909	41,267	38,820	38,549	40,518	40,446
Septmbr..... ,	38,628	38,669	39,089	37,308	38,182	39,899
Decmbr. ,	47,726	45,840	48,001	47,070	47,793	49,026

QUARTERS of each Calendar Year, 1853-59.

(II.) BIRTHS :—Numbers.

<i>Qrs. ended last day of</i>	'59.	'58.	'57.	'56.	'55.	'54.	'53.
March .....No.	175,429	171,001	170,430	169,250	166,225	160,785	161,729
June ..... „	....	169,170	170,444	173,263	165,277	172,457	158,697
Septmbr. .... „	....	157,449	161,181	157,462	154,700	154,724	147,602
Decmbr. .... „	....	158,007	161,106	157,478	148,841	146,439	144,363

(III.) DEATHS :—Numbers.

<i>Qrs. ended last day of</i>	59.	'58.	'57.	'56.	'55.	'54.	'53.
March .....No.	121,682	125,902	108,665	103,014	134,542	111,843	118,119
June ..... „	....	107,193	100,046	100,099	106,493	102,586	107,647
Septmbr. .... „	....	98,260	100,528	91,155	87,646	113,843	92,201
Decmbr. .... „	....	118,663	110,576	96,238	97,022	109,633	103,130

BIRTHS.—The Births of 175,429 children were registered in the quarter that ended on the 31st of March last; and the birth-rate was 3·621 per cent. per annum, or rather more than 36 in 1,000 persons living.

INCREASE OF POPULATION.—As the Births amounted to 175,429, the Deaths to 121,682, the natural increase of the population was 53,747; or, on an average, 597 daily.

The probable increase in the population of the United Kingdom was at the rate of 896 daily.

17,314 persons Emigrated from the ports of the United Kingdom, at which there are Government Emigration Agents. 5,565, or after correcting for those of undistinguished origin, 6,452 of the emigrants were of English birth; of whom 3,719 sailed to the Australian colonies, and 2,263 to the United States. About 72 English, 16 Scotch, and 94 Irish emigrants, on an average, left the country daily.

ENGLAND:—*Annual Rate Per Cent. of PERSONS MARRIED, BIRTHS, and DEATHS, during the YEARS 1853-59, and the QUARTERS of those Years.*

Calendar YEARS, 1853-59 :—General Per Centage Results.

YEARS	'59.	Mean '49-'58.	'58.	'57.	'56.	'55.	'54.	'53.
Estmtd. Popln. } of England } in thousands } in middle of } Year	19,523,	19,305,	19,045,	18,787,	18,619,	18,403,
Persons Mar- } ried Per ct. }	1·684	1·602	1·648	1·674	1·620	1·716	1·788
Births „	3·385	3·358	3·435	3·452	3·380	3·407	3·328
Deaths „	2·246	2·305	2·175	2·050	2·266	2·352	2·288

QUARTERS of each Calendar Year, 1853-59.

(I.) PERSONS MARRIED :—*Per Centages.*

<i>Qrs. ended last day of</i>	'59.	Mean '49-'58.	'58.	'57.	'56.	'55.	'54.	'53.
March....Per ct.	1'403	1'254	1'408	1'416	1'266	1'456	1'556
June..... "	1'698	1'642	1'714	1'638	1'648	1'750	1'766
Septmbr. "	1'623	1'568	1'592	1'626	1'574	1'626	1'718
Decmbr. "	1'996	1'932	1'876	1'990	1'978	2'030	2'106

(II.) BIRTHS :—*Per Centages.*

<i>Qrs. ended last day of</i>	'59.	Mean '49-'58.	'58.	'57.	'56.	'55.	'54.	'53.
March....Per ct.	3'621	3'550	3'568	3'600	3'585	3'603	3'520	3'578
June .... "	....	3'553	3'482	3'548	3'656	3'534	3'722	3'464
Septmbr. "	....	3'246	3'195	3'308	3'275	3'261	3'294	3'177
Decmbr. "	....	3'197	3'198	3'295	3'264	3'128	3'111	3'100

(III.) DEATHS :—*Per Centages.*

<i>Qrs. ended last day of</i>	'59.	Mean '49-'58.	'58.	'57.	'56.	'55.	'54.	'53.
March....Per ct.	2'512	2'455	2'627	2'295	2'182	2'916	2'449	2'613
June..... "	....	2'214	2'206	2'083	2'112	2'277	2'214	2'355
Septmbr. "	....	2'138	1'994	2'063	1'896	1'848	2'423	1'985
Decmbr. "	....	2'183	2'402	2'263	1'995	2'039	2'329	2'214

PRICES, THE WEATHER, AND PAUPERISM.—The price of Wheat during the thirteen weeks was 40s. 8d. a quarter; the prices in the first thirteen weeks of 1857 and 1858 having been 56s. 10d. and 46s. 5d. The price is less by 12 per cent. than it was twelve months ago. It is remarkable that after due corrections have been made for measure and for quality in the Eton returns, the average prices of wheat were 40s. 7d. and 40s. 6d. a quarter in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The price of potatoes also fell considerably; in the first thirteen corresponding weeks of 1857-8-9 York Regents sold at 110s., 152s. 6d., and 90s. a ton at the Waterside Market, Southwark. At Leadenhall and Newgate Markets the price of beef of the lowest and of the highest quality is more by $\frac{1}{2}$ d. a pound than it was in the winter of last year; mutton is at the same price. The mean prices per pound in the three winters 1857-8-9 were: beef, 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ d., and 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; mutton, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., and 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

The meteorology is ably described by Mr. Glaisher. The mean temperature of the quarter that ended on March 31st, at Greenwich, was 43°·3, or 5°·5 and 4°·1 higher than the temperature of the two corresponding quarters of 1857-8; and 4°·9 above the mean temperature of 88 years. There are only two instances (1822 and 1846) since 1771, when the winter temperature was higher. The excess

of temperature was observed in each of the three months. The air contained more than the average amount of water, but the humidity was less than usual, being 83 (saturation being = 100). The *fall of rain* was 3·1 in. at Greenwich; so it was 1·6 in. below the average. The rain-fall was deficient in all the southern counties, excepting Cornwall and Devon. The deficiency was less in the northern stations. At Stonyhurst the Rev. A. Weld says: "The weather has been so wet " that scarcely anything can be done on the ground; no one remembers so wet a

The Average Prices of CONSOLS, of WHEAT, MEAT, and POTATOES; also the Average Number of Paupers relieved on the last day of each Week; and the Mean Temperature, in each of the nine QUARTERS ending March 31st, 1859.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Quarters ending	Average Price of Consols (for Money).	Average Price of Wheat per Quarter in England and Wales.	Average Prices of Meat per lb. at Leadenhall and Newgate Markets (by the Carcase), with the <i>Mean</i> Prices.		Average Prices of Potatoes (York Regents) per Ton at Waterside Market, Southwark.	Pauperism.		Mean Tem- pera- ture.
			Beef.	Mutton.		Quarterly Average of the Number of Paupers relieved on the <i>last day</i> of each week.		
						In-door.	Out-door.	
1857	£	s. d.	d. d. d.	d. d. d.	s. s. s.			
31 Mar.	93 $\frac{3}{8}$	56 10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{3}{4}$ 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ —7 $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	100—120 110	135,121	777,426	39 \cdot 2
30 June	93 $\frac{3}{8}$	56 9	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{3}{8}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ —6 $\frac{3}{4}$ 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	105—150 127	119,241	732,284	53 \cdot 8
30 Sept.	90 $\frac{7}{8}$	59 11	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{3}{8}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —7 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	95—115 105	109,371	702,644	63 \cdot 3
31 Dec.	89 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{3}{8}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —7 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	130—150 140	122,942	736,814	47 \cdot 9
1858								
31 Mar.	96 $\frac{1}{8}$	46 5	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ —7 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	130—175 152	138,376	835,644	37 \cdot 8
30 June	97 $\frac{1}{8}$	44 1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 5 $\frac{1}{8}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	140—185 162	119,234	752,278	54 \cdot 3
30 Sept.	96 $\frac{1}{8}$	44 7	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	65—90 77	107,197	705,301	61 \cdot 0
31 Dec.	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	41 9	4—6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ —6 $\frac{3}{4}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	80—95 87	115,751	710,904	43 \cdot 8
1859								
31 Mar.	95 $\frac{5}{8}$	40 8	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ —6 $\frac{3}{4}$ 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ —7 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	80—100 90	122,854	742,964	43 \cdot 3

Col. 6 is deduced from the Weekly Tables published in the *Economist*. The average of the highest and of the lowest prices is here shown in cols. 4, 5, and 6, and not the *absolute* highest or lowest price quoted at any period of the quarter.

Cols. 7 and 8 are deduced from the Returns of the Poor Law Board. The Returns relate to 644 Unions, &c., comprising a population of 17,652,540 (in 1851), and do not include the paupers of parishes, &c., incorporated under Gilbert's Act, or still under the 43rd Elizabeth; Lunatic Paupers in Asylums and Vagrants relieved in the above Unions are also excluded. They amounted on January 1st, 1858, to—Insane Persons, 19,487; Vagrants, 2,265. The rest of the paupers on that day amounted to 880,280.

"season." At Bristol 3·19 in. of rain fell in three days (March 11th, 12th, and 13th). The Rev. J. Slatter, of Rose Hill, near Oxford, says: "The great absence of rain has produced much low fever." The people are often driven in droughts to the use of impure water, which is a common cause of disease in men and animals. Altogether the meteorology of the season has been exceptional.

The returns with which the Registrar-General has been favoured by the Poor Law Board, exhibit the improvement in the circumstances of the people which the marriages indicated. The average number of Paupers in the receipt of relief (865,818) was less by 108,199 than the numbers (974,017) receiving relief in the first thirteen weeks of 1858, and 46,729 less than the numbers in the corresponding quarter of 1857. A part of the improvement is fairly referable to the mildness of the weather; but a part is undoubtedly due to the improvement in the circumstances of the people which was perceptible in the latter part of last year.

STATE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH.—121,682 Deaths were registered in the quarter. The mortality was at the rate of 2·512 per cent., or rather more than 25 in 1,000. The number of deaths was less than the number of deaths in the winter of last year by 4,220; and the rate of annual mortality was less by 1 in 1,000. In both the winter quarters the rate of mortality exceeded the average rate prevailing during the winters of the last ten years, which was 24·55, or nearly 24½ in 1,000. In the first quarter of the year 1858 the weather was unusually severe; in the first quarter of 1859 the weather was unusually mild. In both quarters the rate of mortality exceeded the average. Upon comparing the rate of mortality in 125 districts and 23 sub-districts comprising the chief towns, with the average of ten previous winters, it is found to have slightly *decreased*; it was 26·47, it is 26·09 in 1,000. Upon the other hand, the mortality in the remaining districts and sub-districts, comprising chiefly small towns and country parishes, has increased from 22·18 to 23·54; or the increase is 1·36 in 1,000.

It will be recollected that the sanitary measures in Ely reduced the mortality of the town below that prevailing in the surrounding parishes. And such will probably be the course matters will take unless sanitary measures are extended to the country as well as to the towns. The superior health of the Country arises mainly from the circumstance that, the population being widely disseminated, the poisonous exhalations which are produced around the dwellings are destroyed to a considerable extent by the atmosphere. Now the houses in the suburbs of London and of the provincial towns are generally built by the architects with cesspools, which are not emptied daily, and which have not the advantages of drainage; so that the beneficial effects of the open country air in the daytime are likely to be neutralized by the impurity of the night exhalations in-doors.

The mortality of the Quarter in England at the rates prevailing in 63 of the healthiest districts would be 17·64 in 1,000; and if the mortality of the whole population had been at that rate, the number of deaths would have amounted to 86,624 instead of 121,682. Consequently 35,058 unnatural deaths were registered in the 90 days. This implies not only loss of national life, but loss of health and English vigour, which it is desirable on every account to raise to the highest pitch in the present days.

The mortality has prevailed with different degrees of severity in every division; but the number of deaths was much *greater* in every division except London, than the deaths in the Winter quarter of 1857; and *less* than the number of deaths during the winter quarter of 1858 in every division except the North and West Midland Divisions. The reason of this will be apparent upon examining the returns in detail.

Deaths in the Winter Quarters, ending March 31st, 1852-59.—Numbers.

DEATHS, &c.	1859.	Total 1849-58, (10 Years.)	1858.	1857.	1856.	1855.	1854.	1853.	1852.
In 125 Districts and 23 Sub-districts, comprising the <i>Chief Towns</i>	62,096	572,377	63,678	57,050	53,973	68,244	58,947	59,604	54,814
In the remaining Districts and Sub-Districts of England and Wales, comprising chiefly Small Towns and <i>Country Parishes</i> ...	59,556	545,725	62,224	51,615	49,041	66,298	52,896	58,515	51,514
All England	121,652	1,118,102	125,902	108,665	103,014	134,542	111,843	118,119	106,358

AREA, POPULATION, DEATHS, and MORTALITY per Cent. in the Winter Quarters, ending March 31st., 1849-59.

GROUPS.	Area in Statute Acres. (England.)	Population Enumerated. (England.)		Deaths in 10 Autumn Quarters, 1849-58.	Average Annual Rate of Mortality per Cent. of 10 Winter Quarters, 1849-58.	Annual Rate of Mortality per Cent. in the Winter Quarter 1859.
		June 6-7th, 1841.	March 31st, 1851.			
In 125 Districts, and 23 Sub-Districts, comprising the <i>Chief Towns</i>	No. 2,149,800	No. 6,838,069	No. 8,247,017	No. 572,377	Per ct. 2·647	Per ct. 2·609
In the remaining Districts and Sub-districts of England and Wales, comprising chiefly <i>Small Towns and Country Parishes</i>	35,175,115	9,076,079	9,680,592	545,725	2·218	2·354
All England	37,324,915	15,914,148	17,927,609	1,118,102	2·455	2·512

The following is the usual Table relating to Marriages, Births, and Deaths in the Registration Districts.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Quarters ending 31st December, 1856-58; BIRTHS and DEATHS Registered in the Quarters ending 31st March, 1857-59, in the Divisions of England.

DIVISIONS.	AREA in Statute ACRES.	POPULATION, 1851. <i>(Persons.)</i>	MARRIAGES			BIRTHS			DEATHS		
			Registered in the Quarter ending the last Day of								
			December.			March.			March.		
			1856.	1857.	1858.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1857.	1858.	1859.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
ENGLD. & WALES....Totals	37,324,915	17,927,609	48,001	45,840	47,726	170,430	171,001	175,429	108,665	125,902	121,682
I. London.....Totals	78,029	2,362,236	6,961	6,673	7,188	23,434	23,653	24,156	15,929	17,147	15,999
II. South Eastern Counties	4,065,935	1,628,416	4,238	3,872	3,912	14,451	14,386	15,049	8,736	10,441	9,765
III. South Midland Counties	3,201,290	1,234,332	3,228	3,177	3,190	10,869	11,207	11,513	6,619	7,945	7,235
IV. Eastern Counties.....Totals	3,214,099	1,113,982	3,278	3,042	3,244	9,647	9,786	10,326	5,666	7,591	6,211
V. South Western Counties	4,993,660	1,803,261	3,774	3,622	3,746	14,455	14,714	15,399	9,737	11,350	10,798
VI. West Midland Counties	3,865,332	2,136,573	6,076	5,982	6,207	21,448	22,275	22,570	13,879	15,764	16,144
VII. North Midland Counties	3,540,797	1,215,501	3,055	2,769	2,961	11,212	10,927	11,380	6,409	8,029	8,955
VIII. North Western Counties	2,000,227	2,488,438	7,054	6,269	6,876	26,115	25,812	25,898	18,020	19,824	19,431
IX. Yorkshire.....Totals	3,654,636	1,789,047	4,793	4,631	4,918	17,986	17,566	17,548	10,988	12,363	12,304
X. Northern Counties	3,492,322	969,126	2,286	2,603	2,505	10,170	9,802	10,448	5,879	6,593	6,509
XI. Monmthsh. and Wales..	5,218,588	1,186,697	3,258	3,200	2,979	10,643	10,873	11,142	6,803	8,855	8,250

REMARKS ON THE WEATHER,

DURING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1859.

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Till the 9th of January the temperature was alternately in excess and defect; the mean for the period was nearly that of the average. On the 10th of January a warm period set in, which continued throughout the quarter. The average daily excess of temperature for the 80 days from the 10th of January to the 31st of March was $5^{\circ}3$. In January the excess of temperature over the average of 88 years was $4^{\circ}4$, in February $4^{\circ}9$, and in March it was $5^{\circ}5$. Since 1771 the temperature of the month of January has exceeded its average by 4° on fifteen different occasions, the last was in 1850; that of February has exceeded its average by 5° in eight instances, the last was in 1850; and March has exceeded its average by 6° in three instances only, viz., in the years 1779, 1780, and 1822.

In January the mean high day temperature and low night temperature were in excess by nearly equal amounts; in February the mean high day temperature exceeded its average by 6° , and that of the low night temperature by 3° ; in March the mean high day temperature was $4\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ in excess, and that of the low night temperature was nearly 6° in excess; so that the days of February and the nights of March were remarkably warm.

The mean of the three months ending the 31st of March was $43^{\circ}3$; that of the average of 88 years was $38^{\circ}4$; so that the excess upon the whole quarter was very nearly 5° .

For the same period in the year 1846 the mean was $43^{\circ}6$; in 1822 was $43^{\circ}5$, and there has been no other instance in which the mean temperature of the first three months has exceeded that of the present year since 1771, which is as far back as trustworthy records extend.

The temperature of February exceeded that of January at places situated south of latitude 53° by 2° or 3° , except at Guernsey and in Cornwall and Devonshire, where the changes were very small. North of the parallel of 53° , February was somewhat colder than January.

The temperature of March exceeded that in February by about 1° at Guernsey, in Cornwall and Devonshire, and by 2° , 3° , and 4° in other places.

The Temperature of the dew-point was above its average in each month, but by less amount than the excess of temperature, consequently, although there was more water present in the air than usual, yet the air was less humid in each month than the average.

The reading of the barometer was very high in January, and slightly in excess in February and March. The reading in February was about 0.2 inch less than in January, and in March was slightly greater than in February at southern stations, and slightly less at northern stations. The readings in the three months were highest at southern stations, gradually decreasing to the lowest at northern stations.

The fall of Rain was deficient in each month at all the southern stations, excepting Cornwall and Devonshire; only one-half of the average fell in January and February. At Greenwich the fall of rain in the five years ending 1853 was 131 inches; in the five years ending 1858 was 104 inches; the difference exceeds one year's fall.

This deficiency is not so great at northern stations, and a marked difference in this respect was experienced at some places in the past quarter, for instance, the Rev. A. Weld, of Stonyhurst, says: "The weather has been so wet that scarcely anything can be done on the ground; no one remembers so damp and wet a season;" whilst the Rev. J. Slatter, of Rose Hill, near Oxford, says: "The great absence of rain has produced much low fever," &c.

W. Burdon, Esq., of Bristol, reports a remarkable rain which fell there on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of March, amounting to 3.29 inches.

The mean temperature of the air at Greenwich for the quarter ending February, constituting the three winter months, was 41°·5, being 3°·8 above the average of 88 years.

1859. Months.	Temperature of										Elastic Force of Vapour.		Weight of Vapour in a Cubic Foot of Air.	
	Air.			Evaporation.		Dew Point.		Air—Daily Range.		Water of the Thames	Mean.	Diff. from Average of 18 Years.	Mean.	Diff. from Average of 18 Years.
	Mean.	Diff. from Average of 88 Years.	Diff. from Average of 18 Years.	Mean.	Diff. from Average of 18 Years.	Mean.	Diff. from Average of 18 Years.	Mean.	Diff. from Average of 18 Years.					
Jan.	40·4	+4·4	+2·3	38·9	+1·9	37·0	+1·7	10·0	+0·5	41·3	In. .220	+·016	Gr. 2·6	+0·2
Feb.	43·1	+4·9	+4·8	40·6	+3·8	37·6	+3·2	14·1	+3·0	43·9	.225	+·024	2·6	+0·3
Mar.	46·4	+5·5	+4·8	43·4	+4·2	40·0	+3·8	13·7	-1·1	47·7	.247	+·032	2·8	+0·3
Mean.....	43·3	+4·9	+4·0	41·0	+3·3	38·2	+2·9	12·6	+0·8	44·3	.231	+·024	2·7	+0·3

1859. Months.	Degree of Humidity.		Reading of Barometer.		Weight of a Cubic Foot of Air.		Rain.		Daily Horizontal Movement of the Air.	Reading of Thermometer on Grass.				
	Mean.	Diff. from Average of 18 Years.	Mean.	Diff. from Average of 18 Years.	Mean.	Diff. from Average of 18 Years.	Amnt.	Diff. from Average of 40 Years.		Number of Nights it was			Lowest Reading at Night.	Highest Reading at Night.
										At or below 30°.	Between 30° and 40°.	Above 40°.		
Jan.	88	- 1	In. 30·037	+·290	Gr. 557	+ 3	In. 0·8	-0·8	Miles. 124	14	15	2	22·0	41·5
Feb.	81	- 5	29·823	+·042	550	- 4	0·9	-0·7	150	12	15	1	24·4	41·0
Mar.	79	- 3	29·806	+·006	546	- 5	1·3	0·1	130	5	12	14	17·0	49·1
Mean.....	83	- 3	29·889	+·113	551	- 2	Sum 3·1	Sum -1·6	Mean 135	Sum 31	Sum 42	Sum 17	Lowest 17·0	Highest 49·1

Note.—In reading this table it will be borne in mind that the sign (—) minus signifies below the average, and that the sign (+) plus signifies above the average.

ENGLAND.—*Meteorological Table, Quarter ending 31st March, 1859.*

NAMES OF STATIONS.	Mean Pressure of Dry Air reduced to the Level of the Sea.	Highest Reading of the Thermo- meter.	Lowest Reading of the Thermo- meter.	Range of Tempera- ture in the Quarter.	Mean Monthly Range of the Tempera- ture.	Mean Daily Range of the Tempera- ture.	Mean Tempera- ture of the Air.	Mean Degree of Hu- midity.	WIND.					Mean Amount of Cloud.	RAIN.	
									Mean estimated Strength.	Relative Proportion of					Number of Days on which it fell.	Amount collected.
										N.	E.	S.	W.			
Guernsey	29·810	56·0	32·0	24·0	20·2	7·9	45·7	83	1·7	18	12	28	32	51	7·5	in.
Helston	29·839	61·0	31·0	30·0	26·3	10·8	47·3	87	2·1	19	6	21	44	48	9·3	
Exeter	29·811	58·8	29·3	29·5	29·3	10·0	45·0	88	1·6	18	4	34	34	62	9·4	
Ventnor	29·915	59·0	31·0	28·0	22·7	8·2	45·7	82	...	11	9	17	53	...	5·2	
Worthing	29·858	59·5	31·0	28·5	22·1	8·5	43·7	84	1·6	17	3	29	41	51	5·8	
Barnstaple	29·783	60·0	29·0	31·0	28·1	10·6	45·8	92	2·0	18	8	29	35	55	10·4	
Clifton	29·820	58·8	26·5	32·3	28·8	10·0	43·2	88	0·9	19	3	24	44	57	8·3	
Royal Observatory	29·836	63·5	28·5	35·0	29·2	12·6	43·3	83	...	14	1	32	43	...	3·0	
St. Thomas's Hos.	29·770	61·9	29·7	32·2	26·8	10·1	45·0	83	...	15	3	17	55	37	8·3	
Rose Hill	29·809	63·2	23·9	39·3	31·1	13·4	42·6	90	2·1	12	3	35	40	44	3·7	
Hartwell Rectory	29·790	64·5	26·5	38·0	31·3	12·5	42·6	85	1·4	14	5	25	46	36	4·0	
Royston	29·829	65·3	27·2	38·1	30·5	14·6	43·5	85	...	8	1	29	52	61	4·0	
Lampeter	29·796	55·6	23·0	32·6	30·4	11·0	42·9	92	4·5	10	6	39	35	53	10·8	
Norwich	29·886	63·0	22·0	41·0	31·2	8·4	42·0	83	1·7	8	4	39	39	29	2·9	
Grantham	29·773	62·4	27·0	35·4	28·9	9·5	42·8	83	0·6	9	2	31	48	43	3·3	
Holkham	29·769	62·5	27·0	35·5	29·4	11·2	42·8	84	1·5	...	...	...	...	38	4·2	
Nottingham	29·786	64·0	25·2	38·8	32·0	13·7	42·4	81	0·5	...	...	...	...	41	4·0	
Liverpool	29·769	56·7	30·3	26·4	22·8	7·6	43·9	84	1·3	...	...	...	...	41	4·6	
Wakefield	29·657	60·0	20·0	40·0	35·2	12·7	43·3	82	3·0	5	6	28	51	52	4·7	
Stonyhurst	29·701	53·4	26·4	27·0	24·8	8·8	40·9	89	1·3	11	5	29	45	77	14·4	
York	29·632	55·0	24·0	31·0	28·7	10·3	41·2	89	...	10	5	24	51	34	3·7	
Scarborough	29·667	56·0	27·5	29·5	25·0	8·6	42·6	86	3·0	13	6	23	48	13	2·4	
North Shields	29·718	58·0	25·0	33·0	30·5	10·4	42·1	83	2·1	25	3	15	47	36	5·5	
St. Paul's Parsge.	29·616	58·3	25·6	32·7	28·4	8·8	44·3	87	2·2	6	4	28	52	51	12·5	

IMPORTS.—(United Kingdom.)—Years ended 31st December, 1858-7-6.
—Computed Real Value of Articles of Foreign and Colonial Merchandize Imported into United Kingdom.

(Whole Year.) FOREIGN ARTICLES IMPORTED.		1858.	1857.	1856.
		£	£	£
RAW MATLS.— <i>Textile.</i>	Cotton Wool	30,107,000	29,289,000	26,448,000
	Wool (Sheep's)..	8,972,	9,682,	8,664,
	Silk	6,111,	14,229,	8,496,
	Flax	3,021,	3,525,	3,633,
	Hemp	1,873,	1,953,	1,985,
	Indigo	2,292,	2,185,	2,454,
		52,376,000	60,863,000	51,680,000
" " <i>Various.</i>	Hides	2,480,000	4,474,000	2,806,000
	Oils	3,636,	4,025,	3,982,
	Metals	3,710,	4,017,	3,914,
	Tallow	3,042,	3,285,	2,926,
	Timber.....	5,964,	7,564,	8,529,
		18,832,000	23,365,000	22,157,000
" " <i>Agricltl.</i>	Guano	4,084,000	3,613,000	2,136,000
	Seeds	2,710,	3,062,	3,196,
		6,794,000	6,675,000	5,332,000
TROPICAL, & C., PRODUCE.	Tea	5,207,000	4,677,000	5,249,000
	Coffee	1,742,	1,720,	1,498,
	Sugar & Molasses	13,468,	16,407,	12,504,
	Tobacco	2,531,	2,182,	2,224,
	Rice	1,653,	1,959,	1,987,
	Fruits	1,290,	1,479,	1,579,
	Wine	2,041,	4,081,	3,741,
	Spirits	1,250,	2,788,	2,190,
		29,182,000	35,293,000	30,972,000
FOOD	Grain and Meal..	19,993,000	19,239,000	22,971,000
	Provisions	3,139,	4,019,	4,730,
		23,132,000	23,258,000	27,701,000
Remainder of Enumerated Articles		3,023,000	3,930,000	3,467,000
TOTAL ENUMERATED IMPORTS...		133,339,000	153,384,000	141,309,000
Add for UNENUMERATED IMPORTS (say)		33,335,000	38,346,000	35,327,000
TOTAL IMPORTS		166,674,000	191,730,000	176,636,000

IMPORTS.—(United Kingdom.)—First Two Months (*Jan.—Feb.*)
1859-8-7.—*Computed Real Value of Articles of Foreign and Colonial
Merchandise Imported into United Kingdom.*

(First Two Months.) FOREIGN ARTICLES IMPORTED.		1859.	1858.	1857.
		£	£	£
RAW MATLS.— <i>Textile.</i>	Cotton Wool	3,952,000	2,138,000	3,029,000
	Wool (Sheep's)..	418,	451,	433,
	Silk	2,313,	688,	2,588,
	Flax	243,	107,	206,
	Hemp	72,	54,	43,
	Indigo	76,	134,	75,
		7,074,000	3,572,000	6,374,000
,, , <i>Various.</i>	Hides	140,000	127,000	332,000
	Oils	306,	180,	233,
	Metals	287,	215,	335,
	Tallow	86,	113,	218,
	Timber.....	275,	265,	459,
		1,094,000	900,000	1,577,000
,, , <i>Agricult.</i>	Guano	88,000	221,000	56,000
	Seeds	326,	207,	129,
		414,000	428,000	185,000
TROPICAL, &c., PRODUCE.	Tea	476,000	416,000	848,000
	Coffee	118,	97,	96,
	Sugar & Molasses	1,097,	904,	1,214,
	Tobacco	67,	76,	194,
	Rice	24,	149,	59,
	Fruits	80,	60,	145,
	Wine	242,	227,	312,
	Spirits	168,	75,	159,
		2,272,000	2,004,000	3,027,000
FOOD	Grain and Meal..	1,993,000	2,595,000	2,488,000
	Provisions	352,	330,	556,
		2,345,000	2,925,000	3,044,000
Remainder of Enumerated Articles		308,000	281,000	488,000
TOTAL ENUMERATED IMPORTS...		13,507,000	10,110,000	14,695,000
Add for UNENUMERATED IMPORTS (say)		3,377,000	2,527,000	3,674,000
TOTAL IMPORTS.....		16,884,000	12,637,000	18,369,000

**EXPORTS.—(United Kingdom.)—First Three Months (Jan.—March)
1859-8-7. — Declared Real Value of Articles of British and Irish
Produce and Manufactures Exported from United Kingdom.**

(First Three Months.) BRITISH PRODUCE, &c., EXPORTED.		1859.	1858.	1857.
		£	£	£
MANFRS.—Textile.	Cotton Manufactures..	9,550,000	6,981,000	7,664,000
	„ Yarn	2,303,	2,144,	1,787,
	Woollen Manufactures	2,948,	1,941,	2,674,
	„ Yarn	545,	450,	581,
	Silk Manufactures	559,	320,	767,
	„ Yarn	50,	39,	99,
	Linen Manufactures....	1,177,	970,	1,249,
	„ Yarn	475,	317,	389,
		17,607,000	13,162,000	15,210,000
	„ Sewed. Apparel	452,000	374,000	431,000
	Haberdy. and Millnry	1,085,	755,	1,080,
		1,537,000	1,129,000	1,511,000
METALS	Hardware and Cutlery	834,000	679,000	903,000
	Machinery	576,	659,	678,
	Iron	2,604,	1,912,	2,973,
	Copper and Brass.....	664,	645,	675,
	Lead and Tin	584,	389,	598,
	Coals and Culm	608,	564,	607,
		5,870,000	4,848,000	6,434,000
.Ceramic Manufcts.	Earthenware and Glass	442,000	370,000	510,000
Indigenous Mnfrs.	Beer and Ale	572,000	452,000	467,000
	Butter	161,	100,	144,
	Cheese	30,	13,	32,
	Candles	32,	27,	73,
	Salt	39,	40,	70,
	Spirits	56,	51,	253,
	Soda	251,	134,	157,
		1,141,000	817,000	1,196,000
Various Manufcts.	Books, Printed.....	101,000	87,000	103,000
	Furniture	51,	57,	60,
	Leather Manufactures	431,	436,	512,
	Soap	39,	39,	62,
	Plate and Watches	126,	113,	121,
	Stationery.....	185,	166,	178,
		933,000	898,000	1,036,000
Remainder of Enumerated Articles		771,000	600,000	737,000
Unenumerated Articles		2,219,	1,686,	2,193,
TOTAL EXPORTS		30,520,000	23,510,000	28,827,000

SHIPPING.—FOREIGN TRADE.—(United Kingdom.)—First Three Months
(Jan.—March) 1859-8-7.—Vessels Entered and Cleared with Cargoes, including
repeated Voyages, but excluding Government Transports.

(First Three Months.) ENTERED:—	1859.			1858.		1857.	
	Vessels.	Total Tonnage.	Average Tonnage	Vessels.	Total Tonnage.	Vessels.	Total Tonnage.
<i>Vessels belonging to—</i>	No.	Tons.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
United Kingdom and Dependencies	3,698	972,000	263	3,397	894,000	3,256	893,000
Russia	39	13,	342	10	4,	14	3,
Sweden	60	15,	252	36	9,	36	8,
Norway	124	31,	250	149	36,	202	39,
Denmark	253	29,	113	204	24,	406	41,
Prussia and other German States	265	74,	280	235	69,	457	84,
Holland and Belgium..	273	44,	160	184	31,	292	49,
France	584	46,	79	558	45,	223	17,
Spain and Portugal	75	18,	243	103	23,	78	16,
Italy and other European States	186	61,	330	155	46,	32	10,
United States	197	199,	1,011	255	255,	279	275,
Other States, America, Asia, and Africa	4	1,	310	3	2,	6	2,
<i>Totals Entered</i>	5,758	1,503,000	261	5,289	1,438,000	5,281	1,437,000
CLEARED:—							
United Kingdom and Dependencies	4,998	1,346,000	269	4,342	1,152,000	5,404	1,364,000
Russia	68	24,	349	51	19,	30	9,
Sweden	75	23,	303	87	25,	88	26,
Norway	91	25,	276	109	27,	145	39,
Denmark	269	33,	124	222	29,	419	50,
Prussia and other German States.....	428	118,	276	302	86,	578	118,
Holland and Belgium..	320	55,	170	225	52,	341	65,
France	759	80,	106	765	92,	582	66,
Spain and Portugal	73	17,	233	84	19,	72	15,
Italy and other European States	266	83,	313	347	107,	67	23,
United States.....	246	240,	977	225	205,	331	319,
Other States, America, Asia, and Africa	5	31,	516	5	2,	4	2,
<i>Totals Cleared</i>	7,598	2,047,000	269	6,764	1,815,000	8,061	2,096,000

GOLD AND SILVER BULLION AND SPECIE.—IMPORTED AND EXPORTED.—
 (United Kingdom.)—*Computed Real Value for the First Three Months (Jan.—March) 1859-8.*

(First Three Months.)	1859.			1858.		
	Gold.	Silver.	TOTAL.	Gold.	Silver.	TOTAL.
IMPORTED FROM:—	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hanse Towns, Hol- land, and Belgium. }	327,000	1,609,000	1,936,000	985,000	219,000	1,204,000
France.....	225,	2,210,	2,435,	331,	933,	1,264,
Portugal, Spain, and Gibraltar.....	6,	16,	22,	99,	146,	245,
Malta, Turkey, and Egypt.....	129,	3,	132,	584,	9,	593,
West Coast of Africa ...	20,	1,	21,	24,	4,	28,
China .....	....	....	....	27,	69,	96,
Australia.....	1,540,	....	1,540,	1,801,	....	1,801,
South America and West Indies.....	469,	414,	883,	1,389,	960,	2,349,
United States	1,150,	177,	1,327,	2,557,	78,	2,635,
Other Countries	19,	6,	25,	14,	22,	36,
<i>Totals Imported....</i>	3,885,000	4,436,000	8,321,000	7,811,000	2,440,000	10,251,000
EXPORTED TO:—						
Hanse Towns, Hol- land, and Belgium. }	404,000	3,000	407,000	150,000	556,000	706,000
France.....	2,198,	71,	2,269,	2,097,	68,	2,165,
Portugal, Spain, and Gibraltar.....	58,	....	58,	52,	....	52,
India and China (via Egypt).....	34,	3,891,	3,925,	42,	2,059,	2,101,
South Africa .....	....	....	....	60,	2,	62,
Mauritius.....	....	....	....	61,	15,	76,
Danish West Indies ...	137,	1,	138,	7,	41,	48,
United States .....	....	....	....	11,	....	11,
Brazil	58,	29,	87,	69,	9,	78,
Other Countries	16,	2,	18,	2,	3,	5,
<i>Totals Exported....</i>	2,905,000	3,997,000	6,902,000	2,551,000	2,753,000	5,304,000

REVENUE.—QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1858.

An Abstract of the Net Produce of the REVENUE of the United Kingdom in the YEARS and QUARTERS ended on the 31st December, 1858 and 1857.
 —(Continued from page 486, vol. xxi.)

YEARS ended 31st December.				
Sources of Revenue.	1858.	1857.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
Customs.....	24,092,000	22,464,352	1,627,648	....
Excise	17,966,000	17,472,000	494,000	....
Stamps	7,996,343	7,269,223	727,120	....
Taxes.....	3,158,033	3,104,020	54,013	....
Property Tax.....	7,591,188	15,137,997	....	7,546,809
Post Office.....	3,075,000	2,992,000	83,000	....
Crown Lands	277,440	273,654	3,786	....
Miscellaneous	2,130,991	1,677,096	453,895	...
<i>Totals</i>	66,286,995	70,390,342	3,443,462	7,546,809
			<i>Net Decr. £4,103,347</i>	

QUARTERS ended 31st December.				
Sources of Revenue.	1858.	1857.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
Customs	6,209,187	5,590,018	619,169	....
Excise	5,004,000	4,769,000	235,000	....
Stamps	2,029,000	1,761,000	268,000	....
Taxes	1,383,000	1,361,000	22,000	....
Property Tax.....	547,000	808,437	....	261,437
Post Office.....	860,000	810,000	50,000	....
Crown Lands ...	82,500	82,000	500	....
Miscellaneous	917,971	725,707	192,264	....
<i>Totals</i>	17,032,658	15,907,162	1,386,933	261,437
			<i>Net Incr. £1,125,496</i>	

Increase and Decrease of the Revenue in the Nine Months of the Financial Year, from the 31st March, 1858, to the 31st December, 1858, as compared with the corresponding periods.

Increase. — Customs, 982,896*l.*; Excise, 141,000*l.*; Stamps, 580,624*l.*; Taxes, 6,000*l.*; Post Office, 155,000*l.*; Crown Lands, 786*l.*; Miscellaneous, 534,104*l.* — *Total Increase*, 2,400,410*l.*
Decrease. — Property Tax, 3,994,927*l.* — *Total Decrease*, 3,994,927*l.*
Net Decrease, 1,594,517*l.*

REVENUE (UNITED KINGDOM).—QUARTER ENDED 31ST DEC., 1858 :—APPLICATION.

An Account showing the REVENUE and other RECEIPTS of the QUARTER ended the 31st of Dec., 1858; the Application of the same, and the Charge of the Consolidated Fund for the said Quarter, together with the Surplus or Deficiency upon such Charge.

Surplus Balance beyond the Charge of the Consolidated Fund for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1858, viz. :—	£	Amount applied out of the Income for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1858, in Redemption of Exchequer Bills (Deficiency) for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1858	£
Great Britain	—		1,184,404
Ireland	£89,031		
	88,031	Amount Applied out of the Income to Supply Services in the Quarter ended 31st December, 1858	8,163,941
Income received in the Quarter ended 31st December, 1858, as shown in account 1	17,032,658	Charge on the Consolidated Fund for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1858, viz. :—	
Amount received in the Quarter ended 31st December, 1858, in repayment of Advances for Public Works, &c.	459,102	Interest of the Permanent Debt.	£6,246,798
	17,574,791	Terminable Debt.	642,773
		Interest of Exchequer Bills (Deficiency)	Nil.
		The Civil List	100,771
		Other Charges on Consolidated Fund	388,920
		Advances for Public Works, &c.	302,618
			7,681,480
Balance, being the Deficiency on the 31st December, 1858, upon the charge of the Consolidated Fund in Great Britain, to meet the Dividends and other Charges payable in the quarter to 31st March, 1859, and for which Exchequer Bills (Deficiency) will be issued in that Quarter	254,336	Surplus balance beyond the charge of the Consolidated Fund for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1858, viz. :—	
		Great Britain	799,302
		Ireland	—
	£17,829,127		£17,829,127

REVENUE.—QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1859.

An Abstract of the Net Produce of the REVENUE of the United Kingdom in the YEARS and QUARTERS ended on the 31st March, 1859 and 1858.—
(Continued from page 329, ante.)

YEARS ended 31st March.				
Sources of Revenue.	1859.	1858.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
Customs	24,117,943	23,109,104	1,008,839	....
Excise	17,902,000	17,825,000	77,000	....
Stamps	8,005,769	7,415,719	590,050	....
Taxes.....	3,162,000	3,152,033	9,967	....
Property Tax.....	6,683,587	11,586,115	....	4,902,528
Post Office.....	3,200,000	2,920,000	280,000	....
Crown Lands.....	280,040	276,654	3,386	....
Miscellaneous	2,125,944	1,596,887	529,057	....
<i>Totals</i>	65,477,283	67,881,512	2,498,299	4,902,528
			<i>Net Decr. £2,404,229</i>	

QUARTERS ended 31st March.				
Sources of Revenue.	1859.	1858.	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
Customs	5,914,295	5,888,352	25,943	....
Excise	3,187,000	3,251,000	....	64,000
Stamps	2,061,399	2,051,973	9,426	....
Taxes.....	312,000	308,033	3,967	....
Property Tax.....	2,483,000	3,390,601	....	907,601
Post Office.....	830,000	705,000	125,000	....
Crown Lands.....	72,600	70,000	2,600	....
Miscellaneous	340,313	345,360	....	5,047
<i>Totals</i>	15,200,607	16,010,319	166,936	976,648
			<i>Net Decr. £809,712</i>	

REVENUE (UNITED KINGDOM).—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1859 :—APPLICATION.

An Account showing the REVENUE and other RECEIPTS of the QUARTER ended the 31st March, 1859; the Application of the same, and the Charge of the Consolidated Fund for the said Quarter, together with the Surplus or Deficiency upon such Charge.

Surplus Balance beyond the Charge of the <i>Consolidated Fund</i> for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1858, viz.:—	£	Amount applied out of the Income for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1859, in Redemption of Exchequer Bills (Deficiency) for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1858	£
Great Britain	—		284,356
Ireland	£799,302	Amount applied out of the Income to <i>Supply Services</i> in the Quarter ended 31st March, 1859	8,849,140
	799,302	Charge of the <i>Consolidated Fund</i> for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1859, viz.:—	
Income received in the Quarter ended 31st March, 1859, as shown in account 1	16,200,607	Interest of the Permanent Debt	£5,613,540
Amount received in the Quarter ended 31st March, 1859, in repayment of Advances for Public Works, &c.	412,467	Terminable Debt	1,410,601
Amount raised by the sale of Exchequer Bonds, in full of a grant of 2,000,000 <i>l.</i>	1,000,000	Interest of Exchequer Bills (Deficiency)	Nil
Saving on the charge for diplomatic salaries for the year 1858	5,009	The Civil List	100,721
	17,417,986	Other Charges on Consolidated Fund	466,682
		Advances for Public Works, &c.	376,213
		Sinking Fund	281,914
			8,238,571
Balance, being the Deficiency on the 31st March, 1859, upon the charge of the Consolidated Fund in Great Britain, to meet the Dividends and other Charges payable in the Quarter to 30th June, 1859, and for which Exchequer Bills (Deficiency) will be issued in that Quarter	529,226	Surplus Balance beyond the Charge of the Consolidated Fund for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1859, viz.:—	
		Great Britain	604,564
		Ireland	—
	£17,946,611		£17,946,611

CORN.—*Gazette Average Prices (ENGLAND AND WALES) during each Week of the First Quarter of 1859; together with the MONTHLY and QUARTERLY Average.*

[Communicated by H. F. JADIS, Esq., Comptroller of Corn Returns.]

Weeks ended Saturday, 1859.		Weekly Average. (Per Impl. Quarter.)					
		Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Rye.	Beans.	Peas.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
January	1	38 10	32 4	21 10	33 5	40 —	42 11
"	8	40 6	32 2	21 5	30 5	39 9	41 3
"	15	41 3	32 7	21 4	27 6	39 2	41 8
"	22	41 9	33 2	21 8	30 10	39 4	42 6
"	29	41 7	33 5	21 10	32 6	40 8	41 11
<i>Average for January</i>		40 11	32 8	21 7	30 11	39 9	42 —
February	5	40 10	33 9	21 9	33 6	40 5	40 11
"	12	40 11	33 6	22 4	31 2	41 2	41 5
"	19	40 10	33 11	23 1	32 11	42 10	42 3
"	26	40 5	33 11	22 8	31 —	42 2	41 7
<i>Average for February</i>		40 9	33 9	22 5	32 1	41 7	41 6
March	5	40 5	34 —	23 —	33 11	42 2	40 6
"	12	40 3	34 4	23 3	32 11	41 8	40 8
"	19	40 1	34 4	23 9	30 4	41 3	40 4
"	26	40 —	34 2	23 4	32 9	40 6	38 10
<i>Average for March</i>		40 2	34 2	23 4	32 5	41 4	40 1
<i>Average for the Quarter ..</i>		40 8	33 6	22 4	31 9	40 10	41 3

LONDON STOCK AND SHARE MARKETS.—JAN., FEB., MARCH, 1859.

Stocks and Railway Shares.	Amt. of Share.	Amt. Paid.	PRICE ON THE			Highest Price during			Lowest Price during		
			1 Jan.	1 Feb.	1 Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Consols .....	...	...	96½ to 2	95½ to 3	95½ to 4	96½	96	96½	94½	94½	95½
Exchequer Bills .....	...	...	39s. pm.	36s. pm.	36s. pm.	43s. pm.	39s. pm.	39s. pm.	34s. pm.	33s. pm.	32s. pm.
RAILWAY.											
Brighton	Stock	100	108½*	109	109½	110½	109½	113½	108	108½	109½
Caledonian	"	"	89	86	81½*	90½	86½	83½	84½	83½	81½
Eastern Counties	"	"	64	60½*	59	64½	61½	61½	61½	58½	58½
Great Northern	"	"	107½	101½*	101½	107½	102½	103	104½	101	101
Great Western	"	"	57	54½*	55½	58½	55½	60	54½	53½	55
London & North-Western	"	"	97½	93½*	93½	98½	94½	96½	94½	92½	92½
Midland	"	"	104	99½*	98½	104½	100½	103	101	97½	98½
Lancashire and Yorkshire	"	"	99½	93½*	93½	99½	94½	96½	95½	92½	93½
Sheffield	"	"	39½	37½*	37½	40½	38½	39	37½	36½	37
South-Eastern	"	"	76	71½*	71½	76½	72½	72½	70	70	70
South-Western	"	"	95½	92½*	92½	96½	93½	94	92½	91½	92
North-East Berwick	"	"	95	90½*	90½	95½	91½	93½	92½	90½	90½
North York	"	"	78½	75½*	75½	79½	77	77½	76½	75½	75½
Northern of France	16	All.	39*	37	36½	39	37½	37½	35½	36	36½
East Indian	Stock	100	106½*	102½	104	106½	104½	106	101½	101½	102½

* Ex-Dividend.

BANK OF ENGLAND.—WEEKLY RETURN.

An Account, pursuant to the Act 7th and 8th Victoria, c. 32, for each Week ending on a Wednesday, during the First Quarter (Jan.—March) 1859.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ISSUE DEPARTMENT.					COLLATERAL COLUMNS.	
Liabilities.	DATES.	Assets.			Notes in Hands of Public, (Col. 1 minus col. 16.)	Minimum Rates of Discount at Bank of England.
Notes Issued.	(Wednesdays.)	Government Debt.	Other Securities.	Gold Coin and Bullion.		
Mins. £	1859.	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	1858. Per Cent.
33,04	Jan. 5 ...	11,01	3,46	18,57	20,88	9 Dec. 2½
33,03	" 12 ...	11,01	3,46	18,56	21,07	
33,03	" 19 ...	11,01	3,46	18,56	20,99	
33,03	" 26 ...	11,01	3,46	18,56	20,71	
33,09	Feb. 2 ...	11,01	3,46	18,62	20,99	
33,24	" 9 ...	11,01	3,46	18,77	20,61	
33,53	" 16 ...	11,01	3,46	19,06	20,48	
33,56	" 23 ...	11,01	3,46	19,09	20,33	
33,59	Mar. 2 ...	11,01	3,46	19,12	20,61	
33,72	" 9 ...	11,01	3,46	19,25	20,43	
33,68	" 16 ...	11,01	3,46	19,21	20,33	
33,64	" 23 ...	11,01	3,46	19,17	20,33	
33,40	" 30 ...	11,01	3,46	18,93	20,99	

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Liabilities.					DATES. (Wdnesdys.)	Assets.				Totals of Liabilities and Assets.
Capital and Rest.		Deposits.		Seven Day and other Bills.		Securities.		Reserve.		
Capital.	Rest.	Public.	Private.			Government.	Other.	Notes.	Gold and Silver Coin.	
Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	1859.	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £
14,55	3,17	9,63	13,58	,82	Jan. 5	10,80	18,21	12,16	,58	41,75
14,55	3,21	5,52	15,73	,84	„ 12	10,70	16,56	11,96	,13	39,35
14,55	3,25	6,26	14,95	,87	„ 19	10,70	16,51	12,04	,63	39,88
14,55	3,26	6,52	15,04	,87	„ 26	10,70	16,60	12,32	,62	40,24
14,55	3,28	7,03	14,58	,81	Feb. 2	10,70	16,78	12,10	,67	40,25
14,55	3,37	7,33	14,49	,79	„ 9	10,70	16,51	12,63	,69	40,53
14,55	3,36	7,62	14,54	,80	„ 16	10,70	16,44	13,05	,68	40,87
14,55	3,30	7,82	14,62	,75	„ 23	10,70	16,25	13,23	,86	41,04
14,55	3,65	8,32	13,96	,76	Mar. 2	10,70	16,78	12,98	,77	41,23
14,55	3,65	8,74	13,44	,78	„ 9	10,70	16,47	13,29	,71	41,16
14,55	3,65	8,85	13,64	,76	„ 16	10,70	16,70	13,35	,72	41,47
14,55	3,65	9,00	13,60	,80	„ 23	10,70	16,90	13,31	,70	41,61
14,55	3,66	9,35	13,88	,74	„ 30	11,71	17,36	12,41	,70	42,18

CIRCULATION.—COUNTRY BANKS.

Average amount of Promissory Notes in Circulation in ENGLAND and WALES, for each Week ended on a Saturday during the First Quarter (Jan.—March) of 1859; and also the Average Amount of Promissory Notes in Circulation in SCOTLAND and IRELAND during the Four Weeks ended on the 15th Jan., the 12th Feb., and the 12th March, 1859.

ENGLAND AND WALES.				SCOTLAND.				IRELAND.			
DATES.	Private Banks. (Fixed Issues, 4'40.)	Joint Stock Banks. (Fixed Issues, 3'30.)	TOTAL. (Fixed Issues, 7'70.)	Four Weeks, ended	£5 and upwards.	Under £5.	TOTAL. (Fixed Issues, 3'09.)	£5 and upwards.	Under £5.	TOTAL. (Fixed Issues, 6'35.)	
1858.	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	1859.	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	Mins. £	
Dec. 25	3,25	2,90	6,15								
1859.											
Jan. 1	3,27	2,84	6,11								
" 8	3,39	2,91	6,30								
" 15	3,46	2,97	6,43	Jan. 15	1,54	2,56	4,10	3,20	3,53	6,73	
" 22	3,45	2,96	6,41								
" 29	3,42	2,94	6,36								
Feb. 5	3,39	2,92	6,31								
" 12	3,37	2,91	6,28	Feb. 12	1,46	2,44	3,90	3,24	3,66	6,90	
" 19	3,34	2,90	6,24								
" 26	3,32	2,91	6,23								
Mar. 5	3,34	2,94	6,28								
" 12	3,36	2,98	6,34	Mar. 12	1,41	2,37	3,78	3,27	3,66	6,93	
" 19	3,36	3,00	6,36								
" 26	3,41	3,06	6,47								

OREIGN EXCHANGES.—*Quotations as under, London on Paris, Hamburg & Calcutta; and New York, Calcutta, Hong Kong & Sydney, on LONDON—with collateral cols.*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
DATES.	Paris.				Hamburg.			New York.	Calcutta.		Hong Kong.	Syd- ney.	Stand- ard Silver in bars in Lon- don.	
	London on Paris.	Bullion as arbitrated.		Pre- mium on Gold per mille.	London on Hambg.	Bullion as arbitrated.								
		Agust. Engd.	For Engd.			Agnst. Engd.	For Engd.							
3 m. d.			3 m. d.			60 d. s.	60 d.s.	3 m.d.	6 m. s.	30 d. s.	pr. oz.			
1859.		pr. ct.	pr. ct.	par	13·7	pr. ct.	pr. ct.	pr. ct.	d.	d.	d.	pr. ct.	d.	
Jan. 1 ..	25·37½	0·2	....	par	13·7	....	....	109	26	57	½ p.	61½	
" 15 ..	"	....	....	"	13·6½	....	....	" ¾	"	55	"	"	62
Feb. 5 ..	"	0·3	....	"	13·6½	0·1	....	" ½	"	25½	54	"	"
" 19 ..	"	0·2	....	"	13·6½	0·2	....	" ½	"	25½	54½	"	61½
Mar. 5 ..	"	0·2	....	"	13·6½	....	....	" ⅞	"	"	"	"	"
" 19 ..	25·35	0·2	....	"	13·5¾	0·3	....	" ¾	"	25½	55½	"	62½
April 2 ..	25·32½	0·3	....	"	13·5¾	0·6	....	" ¾	"	25½	57	"	62½